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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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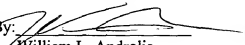
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. U.S. Patent No. 3,653,751 issued to Hofmann et al. on April 4, 1972;
- B. U.S. Patent No. 5,936,782 issued to Nomura et al. on August 10, 1999;
- C. German patent publication No. DE 199 62 712 A1 issued to Asahi Optical Co., Ltd. on June 29, 2000 (which corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,292,629 issued on September 18, 2001);
- D. Russian patent publication abstract No. RU 2106713-C1 issued to Nikolaevich on March 10, 1998;
- E. U.S. Patent No. 4,787,722 issued to Claytor on November 29, 1988; and
- F. U.S. Patent No. 3,162,766 issued to Ploke on December 22, 1964.

The above-listed prior arts are cited in the European Search Report which was completed on October 30, 2001 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 01 30 6622 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,
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